

Dance into Spring

A small standard Flower Show

Presented by

Clearwater Garden Club

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Saturday, April 1, 2023 1pm – 4pm

Open free to the public

405 Seminole St.

Clearwater, FL 33755

2023 Flower Show Committee

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Division II – Design entry cards	Alice Jarvis
Division III – Special Exhibits	Sheryl Polese
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GENERAL RULES

1. This Flower Show meets all requirements for a Standard Flower Show and will be judged by at least two-thirds Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges, with the remainder, student judges and/or plant society experts. The Handbook for Flower Shows, 2007 edition with corrections, National Garden Clubs, Inc., shall be used by exhibitors and judges as an authority.
2. All Classes are open to any member of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc and The National Garden Club.
3. There must be an emphasis on *fresh plant* material. No artificial plant material in any Division.
4. **All Design and Horticulture entries will be received and placed on Friday, March 31, 2023 from 11am – 4pm. Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 9am -10am is used in case a plant needs to be refreshed in a design. All Exhibitors must leave the show area on Saturday, April 1, 2023 by 10 am.**
5. It is the obligation of the classification chairmen to check for conformity to the schedule.
6. Judging will be on Saturday, April 1, 2023 10am –noon. Only the Clerk, President, Classification chairmen, and Flower Show Chairman will be permitted in the building during judging. The decisions of the judges are final. Awards may be withheld if not merited.
7. The Flower Show will open to the public on Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 1pm – 4pm.
8. **NO design or horticulture exhibit** may be removed before 4pm on Saturday, April 1, 2023
9. Native plants may be entered provided such plants have been legally obtained and grown by the exhibitor for at least 90 days.
10. The use of plants on the State Conservation List is prohibited. A complete list is on file of Endangered Rare and Threatened plants can be found on line.
11. The Flower Show Committee will take all possible care to protect the exhibitor's property. *It cannot be held liable for any loss or damage.*

THE STANDARD SYSTEM OF AWARDING WILL BE USED FOR ALL COMETITIVE JUDGING

The National Garden Clubs Standard System of Awarding shall be used. Only one first (blue), one second (red), and one third (yellow) may be awarded in each class.

First Place must score 90 or more

Second Place must score 85 or more

Third Place must score 80 or more

Honorable Mention must score 75 or more

Division I – Horticulture

1. If a plant is considered a flowering plant, it should be exhibited with flowers present. Foliage plants are those that are grown for their leaves.
2. All plant material must be fresh; grown by the exhibitor for at least 90 days, 60 days for combination plantings
3. Plant material cannot be altered with shine products or anything unnatural
4. Cut specimens must be displayed in clear bottles, no foliage below the water
5. Specimens should be labeled with binomial names and common names. Binomial names can be found by googling the common name
6. An exhibitor may have more than one entry per class if each entry is a different type color, variety etc. (e.g. Petunias of different colors)
7. Potted plants must be clean of debris. Can be double potted but inside pot must be hidden

Division II – Design

1. A design entered in competition must be the work of only one exhibitor and that exhibitor's name must appear on the entry card. All entries **MUST** be registered with Entries Chairman. See Placement times in General Rules
2. An exhibitor may enter as many classes in the Design Division as desired unless the schedule limits the number of entries, but only one exhibit per class. All entries **MUST** be the work of the exhibitor and the designer's **MUST** secure a substitute if unable to exhibit and inform the chairman
3. Fresh plant material may not be treated in any manner. Plant material that has been treated to alter its exterior appearance may be used only in its dried state
4. The designer has the freedom to choose Traditional or Creative style with any design type listed unless restricted by the schedule

5. Plant material used in designs need not have been grown by the exhibitor unless the schedule requires it
6. No artificial flowers, foliage, fruits or vegetables are permitted in the Design Division. The following **MAY** be used unless prohibited by the schedule; accessory objects, underlays and bases may be used in all classes
7. Landscapes or scenes are **NOT** permitted in the Design Division
8. The Design Scale of Points are listed in the Handbook

Exhibitor Awards – Horticulture and Design

1. Award of Horticultural Excellence (best exhibit in entire horticultural division)
2. Award of Merit for cut specimen
3. Arboreal Award for container grown shrub or tree
4. Grower's Choice Award for container grown plant
5. Club Award for novice design
6. President's Award for creative design in Designs 2 or 3
7. Best of show in design – best blue ribbon, winning design

Division I – Horticulture

Section A – Cut annuals and perennials

Eligible for 1 award of Merit

Class 1 – Annuals

Class 2 – Perennials

Class 3 – Cut stem from bulbs, corms, etc.

Class 4 – Rose, 1 disbudded bloom

Class 5 – Rose, 1 spray

Section B – Cut tree or shrub – NO longer than 30”

Eligible for Arboreal Award

Class 1 – Flowering

Class 2 – Foliage

Section C – Container grown flowering

Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award

Class 1 – Desert Rose

Class 2 – Orchid

Class 3 – Hanging Plant (blooming or non-blooming)

Class 4 – Other

Section D – Container grown foliage

Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award

Class 1 – Bromeliad

Class 2 – Herbs

Class 3 – Other

Section E – Container grown Succulent and Cacti

Eligible for Grower’s Choice Award

Class 1 – Succulent

Class 2 – Cacti

Class 3 – Other

Section F – Combination Plantings

Eligible for Grower's Choice Award

Class 1 – Dish garden

Class 2 – Planter (3 or more different plants)

Class 3 – Other

Division II - Design

Section A – Dancing Designs

Class 1 – Waltz

Novice Class – Have never won a 1st prize ribbon in design, Traditional design. Your choice of line or line mass

Class 2 – Line Dance

Creative design staged on black pedestal 36" high x 14" square top

Class 3 – Cha-Cha

Creative design staged on black pedestal 36" high with a 14" square top

Class 4 – Bunny Hop

Miniature (Design may not exceed 5" in height, width or depth). Staged on counter at eye level

Division III – Educational

Exhibit 1 – Penny for Pines

Exhibit 2 – Community Gardens

A minimum of 18 square feet surface area must be used

Eligible for an Educational Top Exhibitors Award

HORTICULTURE HINTS

Members should select their best prospects for entering in the show. They must have been in your possession for 3 months.

Get their botanical and common names when you acquire them or take them to your best horticulture expert, a garden shop or Horticulture Consultant, who is also your Classification Chairman, and one of them will help you name your plants. Do this well before the show – at least a week or two; then fertilize it and let it grow. At show time, take off dead or dying foliage; remove all debris from the pot (leaves, twigs, animal life, etc.). Wash foliage if necessary to remove fertilizer spots or animal droppings. Make sure the pot is insect free. This is called grooming. Do not use oil on the foliage.

If the plant is in a dirty pot, clean the pot or re-pot long enough before the show that it has not been recently re-potted. Use clean plastic or clay pots, not ornamental.

Plants should be adult plants in good shape, centered in the pot, well rounded and healthy.

Every plant you choose may not be at its prime at show time, but it will still look better in its spot in your house or garden. Leave these at home.

When it is ready to enter in the show, fill out an entry card using the information on the card. **Do not fold the card.**

It will first go to the Classification Chairman who will verify the name and may suggest changes to make it conform to class requirements. She will have Horticulture books available if you really couldn't get it identified and it is so pretty at the last minute that you couldn't resist bringing it.

Next it goes to the Entries Chairman who is responsible for securing entry cards, and will record entries as they are received. Advanced registration of entries will help make this go much more rapidly. After she had entered the plant, she will fold the card to cover the grower's name.

From there, the Placement Chairman and her staff take your plant and you will not see it until after the show opens.

Placement Chairman verifies the entry card to be sure it is in the right classification. Then she carefully places the plant in its proper spot. She may have to move plants when enough space has not been available for a certain section. She must move each plant with its own entry card to avoid the wrong card being placed on the entry. Her responsibility also ensures that there is enough room for each entry to be viewed easily.

~~ THANK YOU ~~

We would like to extend a BiG Thank You to all the volunteers and the Flower Show Committee. It took many people working many, many hours to make this show successful.

We also extend a Thank You to the judges who gave their time and knowledge, Kathy Echevarria, Rita Mixer, Tuky Vargas, Susan Hoffstetter Parke Finold and Susie Cochran.

Congratulations to all the exhibitors from the Horticulture Division, Design Division and Educational Division. You are ALL winners!